

# SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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## **The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tina Hilding, Al Poplawsky, Jeff Hicki, Sophie Gilbert, Nancy Chaney, Mary DuPree

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:** Kelli Cooper, Staff Liaison; Mia Rognstad; Ian Schlater

### **1. Farmer's Market Communications**

Discuss potential market strategies to use at the upcoming Farmer's Market table. This will also be discussed at the Sustainable Environment Commission meeting.

**ACTION:** Receive the report and provide feedback.

Tina suggested having a trivia game with climate questions as the theme.

### **2. Working with Avista**

Discuss ways that the City/SEC/CAWG can work with Avista to accomplish climate goals.

**ACTION:** Receive the report and provide feedback.

Al says Avista has an integrated resource plan and they are required to have public meetings on regular basis. This would be a good start to perhaps influence what they're using for energy production.

### **3. Working with Developers/Builders**

Brainstorm and discuss ways to get Developers involved in meeting climate goals.

**ACTION:** Receive the report and provide feedback.

Kelli says in Michigan there are climate advocates that go through a training course based on the local climate action plan. These residents then go out in the community to help implement the plan.

The group talked about reaching out to contractors in the area who have built LEED certified buildings in this area.

Tina would like to get a few individuals involved. One being Omar whom Tina works with; he is developing an energy conscious degree at Washington State University. Also, Steve Austin who worked with the City of Wenatchee to help them create a landscape ordinance.

Mary says energy audits would also be a very positive way to connect to residents and builders. Avista will sponsor AmeriCorps to preform energy audits.

The group would like to advocate for Avista to stop promoting natural gas in their promotional materials. They would like to see them promote renewables.

#### **4. Climate Action Plan Update**

Kelli Cooper will provide a brief update on the Climate Action Plan draft.

**ACTION:** Receive the report and provide feedback

Kelli completed another draft that will be reviewed internally before sent to Council. Adoption date for the plan has been pushed back to July 18<sup>th</sup>, tentatively.

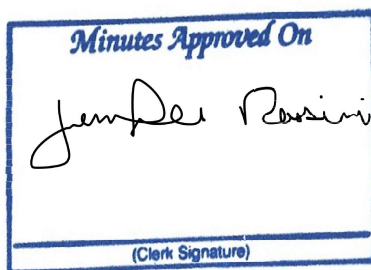
Al mentioned adding a fire escape plan for the City.

After further discussion the group decided that the greenhouse gas sequestration and adaptation should be moved to their own section under city operations.

#### **5. Announcements/Other Business**

Kelli will start doing irrigation audits this summer.

**Adjourn**



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Tina Hilding, Chair (or stamped by Deputy City Clerk)

